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Rome, February 3. *N. S.*

WE daily receive very dismal Accounts of the Damage done by the Earthquake which happened on the 14th of the last Month. It was so violent at *Cassia*, that it is said a Mountain near that Place was rent asunder, and the greatest part of the Town is ruined; The Towns of *Norcia*, *Spoleti*, *Castel Vecchio*, *Aquila*, and many other Places, have also received great Damage, and the number of those who have been killed by the fall of the Houses, and other Buildings, is computed to be much greater than was at first reported. On the 25th the Pope held a Congregation, to consider of relieving the great numbers of People who are reduced to Poverty by the Loss of their Houses and Goods, which are destroyed by this fatal Accident; And besides the large Sums of Money which he and the Cardinals, and other Prelates, by his Example, have contributed towards their Support, he has directed that the Alms of Private Persons should be gathered in all the Churches of this City; and their Charity being awakened, as well by Commiseration as by the Dread of the like Misfortune, they have given very liberally. The next day Cardinal *Janssen* had Audience of the Pope, wherein he represented to him the Obligation he was under of endeavouring to procure the Peace of *Christendom*, but particularly that of his own Country, and then insinuated, That if the Imperial Forces were not furnished with Provisions from his Territories, the same would be an effectual Means of obliging them to return into *Germany*, and consequently of putting an end to the War, at least on this side: But notwithstanding this Argument was backed with abundance of Promises on the part of the *French* King, that so he might obtain an Order to that effect, the Pope replied, That this would be a piece of Injustice, very unbecoming one who stiles himself the Common Father of all those of his Religion, and could by no means be brought to consent to it. That Cardinal has made another Attempt, with as little Success. A *Dutch* Privateer having brought into the Port of *Civita-Vecchia* a *French* Prize laden with Corn, with intent to sell both the Ship and her Lading there, the Cardinal endeavoured to prevail with this Court to forbid it, alledging, That the Captors were Hereticks, and the Prize taken from Roman Catholicks; but the Imperial Ambassador interposed, and gave the Court to understand, That if the Liberties of a Free Port were denied to his Master's Allies, he knew how to shew his Resentment; whereupon Orders were sent, That the Privateer should be suffered to go on with his Sale without any Obstruction. Yesterday we had another Shock of an Earthquake, the Effects whereof were much more terrible to us than the former, since it threw down the Remains of an Ancient Amphitheater, called the *Coliseo*, which was built by the Emperor *Vespasian*, and several other Publick Buildings, and did considerable Damage to the *Basilick*, or Great Church of St. *Peter*, the *Vatican*, and some other Palaces. Hereupon most of the Inhabitants of this Place have quitted their Houses, and live in Tents in the Fields; and the Consternation we are in at this Return of the Earthquake, whereof we have had another Shock this day, though not so violent as yesterday's, is hardly to be expressed.

Leghorne, February 3. The *Dutch* Capers continue to cruize in these Seas as far as Cape *Sapienza*, on the Coast of *Morea*; They have lately taken off *Sicilly* 5 *French* Merchant Ships laden with Corn for *Provence*; and one of these Privateers, called the *Pearl* of *Zealand*, has taken near *Maltha* a very rich *French* Prize, which was bound home from *Scandcroone*.

Venice, February 9. Signior *Justiniani*, who is named to go in the Quality of *Bayle* or Ambassador in Ordinary, from this Republick to the *Ottoman Porte*, has sent his Equipage on board the Ships that are appointed to convoy him to *Constantinople*, intending to begin his Voyage with the next fair Wind. Signior *Delfino*, whom the Senate has chosen to succeed Signior *Lorenzo*, in the Embassy to the Court of *Vienna*, is also preparing for his Departure thither. Count *Guido* of *Saremberg*, who in Prince *Eugene*'s Absence commands the Imperial Army, continues at *Ostiglia*, and the Duke of *Vendosme* has his head Quarters still at *Guastalla*. The great quantity of Snow and Rain that is fallen of late has put a stop to all Action between the two Armies, and gives the Imperialists leisure to fortify *Ostiglia*, and their other Posts, which the *French* threaten to attack as soon as the Weather will permit; and in the mean time the latter keep *Berfello* closely blockt up, in hopes of reducing it by Famine, since it is not to be done otherwise, there being a good Garison in the Place and well provided with all things necessary for its Defence. There is Advice, That above half of the Town of *Sinigaglia* was destroyed by the Earthquake that happened on the 3d, Instant, which has also done great damage to divers Towns in the *Abruzzo*.

Falmouth, February 18. Yesterday came into this Port Her Majesty's Ship the *Woolwich*, and brought with her a Prize of 150 Tuns, laden with Wine, Brandy and Salt, and bound from *France* to *Sweden*. The same day came in a *Flushing* Man of War, of 46 Guns, to convoy home all their Prizes which are here, and in other Ports on this Coast.

Bidiford, February 20. This day arrived here 13 Sail of Merchant Ships, with Wooll and Tallow from *Dublin*, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the *Bridgewater*.

Plimouth, Februury 21. Her Majesty's Ship the *Dreadnought*, with about 30 Sail of Ships under her Convoy, sailed from hence two days ago to the Eastward. Yesterday about 20 Sail of Ships from *Bristol* and *Wales* came into this Port, as did likewise the *Ormond* Ketch, *Richard March* Master, from *Dublin*, the *Samuel* and *John*, *Thomas Macklatchett* Master, bound from *Dublin*

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